JC17 Rec'd PCT/PTO 3 0 MAR 2005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

ZLOKOVIC et al.

Atty. Ref.: 4061-32

National-Phase of International Appln. No.

T.C. / Art Unit: Not Known

PCT/US2003/030638

International Filing Date: 30 September 2003

Examiner: Not Known

Filed: March 24, 2005

FOR: PROTEIN S PROTECTS THE NERVOUS SYSTEM FROM INJURY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

March 30, 2005

Hon. Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

Amended portions of the specification are presented on page 2.

The priority claim is revised.

The **claims** are presented on pages 3-5.

Claims 3-5, 8-18 and 23 are amended.

Claims 19-21 and 24 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Remarks begin on page 6.